HANNAH McDOWELL.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 276.]

March 2, 1860.

Mr. Hall, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition and papers and a bill to pay Hannah McDowell, of North Carolina, widow of Lieutenant James McDowell, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

It appears from the papers that Hannah McDowell, the widow of Lieutenant James McDowell, applied for the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 3d of February, 1853, on account of the services of her said husband, who was a lieutenant in Captain Robert Campbell's company, third regiment United States rifles, in the war of 1812, and who was an invalid pensioner at the rate of fifteen dollars per month, commencing on the 1st of March, 1852, and terminating on the 29th of May, 1854, when he died. The said Hannah McDowell was granted a pension under the said act of February 3, 1853, at the rate of twelve dollars and a half per month, commencing on the 4th of July, 1859, the date of the completion of her proofs, the custom of the pension bureau. She now claims that her pension should commence at her husband's death, say May 29, 1854, and adduces in support of her claim the decision of the Hon. Attorney General Black in the case of Mrs. Sarah Hunt, of Alabama, who decided, on appeal, that her pension should commence from the date of the act, say February, 1853, or from the date of her husband's death; and upon said decision the Commissioner of Pensions did pay several cases, but in hers, as in others, refused to carry out the said decision, for the alleged reason that Congress made no appropriation to pay such cases.

The committee are clearly of the opinion that in view of the spirit and justice of the act of Congress under which the petitioner claims, and under the decision of the Attorney General, that her, the said Hanrah McDowell's, pension should be made to commence from the date of her husband's, the said James McDowell's, death, say the 29th of May, 1854, and therefore report the following bill for her relief:

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WERETER S. STEELE.

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